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To amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to revise and improve provisions relating to famine prevention and freedom from hunger.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BRADY of Texas (for himself, Mr. DAVIS of Florida, and Mr. BEREUTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Famine Prevention
5 and Freedom from Hunger Improvement Act of 2000”.

6 **SEC. 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

7 (a) DECLARATIONS OF POLICY.—(1) The first sen-
8 tence of section 296(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of
9 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2220a(a)) is amended to read as follows:

1 “The Congress declares that, in order to achieve the mu-
2 tual goals among nations of ensuring food security, human
3 health, agricultural growth, trade expansion, and the wise
4 and sustainable use of natural resources, the United
5 States should mobilize the capacities of the United States
6 land-grant universities, other eligible universities, and
7 their public and private partners in the United States and
8 other countries for (1) global research on problems affect-
9 ing food, agriculture, forestry, and fisheries, (2) improved
10 human capacity and institutional resource development for
11 the global application of agricultural and related environ-
12 mental sciences, (3) agricultural development and trade
13 research and extension services in the United States and
14 other countries to support the entry of rural industries
15 into world markets, and (4) providing for the application
16 of agricultural sciences to solving food, health, nutrition,
17 rural income, and environmental problems, especially such
18 problems of low-income, food deficit countries.”.

19 (2) The second sentence of section 296(a) of the For-
20 eign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2220a(a)) is
21 amended—

22 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “in this coun-
23 try” and inserting “with and through the private
24 sector in this country and to understanding proc-
25 esses of economic development”;

1 (B) in paragraph (2), to read as follows:

2 “(2) that land-grant and other universities in
3 the United States have demonstrated over many
4 years their ability to cooperate with international
5 agencies, educational and research institutions in
6 other countries, the private sector, and nongovern-
7 mental organizations worldwide, in expanding global
8 agricultural production, processing, business and
9 trade, to the benefit of the United States and other
10 economies;”;

11 (C) in paragraph (3), to read as follows:

12 “(3) that, in a world of growing populations
13 with rising expectations, increased food production
14 and improved distribution, storage, and marketing in
15 the developing countries is necessary not only to en-
16 sure human health and child survival, but to build
17 the basis for economic growth and trade, and the so-
18 cial security in which democracy and free enterprise
19 can thrive, moreover, that the greatest potential for
20 increasing world food supplies and incomes to pur-
21 chase food are in the developing countries where the
22 gap between food need and food supply is the great-
23 est and current incomes are lowest;”;

24 (D) in paragraph (4), to read as follows:

1 “(4) that the engagement of land-grant univer-
2 sities in agricultural development in other countries
3 strengthens the competitiveness of United States ag-
4 riculture and other industries by training future for-
5 eign partners and by introducing global perspectives
6 into United States curriculum, research, public in-
7 formation services, and other extension programs of
8 the land-grant universities;”;

9 (E) by striking paragraphs (5) and (7), redesign-
10 nating paragraph (6) as paragraph (7), and insert-
11 ing the following:

12 “(5) with expanding global markets and in-
13 creasing imports into many countries, including the
14 United States, that food safety and quality, as well
15 as secure supply, have emerged as mutual concerns
16 of all countries;

17 “(6) that research, teaching, and extension ac-
18 tivities, and appropriate institutional and policy de-
19 velopment therefore are prime factors in improving
20 agricultural production, food distribution, proc-
21 essing, storage, and marketing abroad (as well as in
22 the United States);”;

23 (F) in paragraph (7) (as redesignated), by
24 striking “in the United States” and inserting “and
25 the broader economy of the United States”; and

1 (G) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(8) that there is a need to preserve and pro-
3 tect the world’s natural resources for sustained pro-
4 ductivity and health and to take steps to mitigate
5 adverse aspects of climate change which confront ag-
6 riculture and other natural resource-based indus-
7 tries with new scientific, technological, and manage-
8 ment challenges; and

9 “(9) that universities and their public and pri-
10 vate partners need a dependable source of Federal
11 funding not requiring State matching funds, as well
12 as Federal and State matched funding, and other fi-
13 nancing, in order to increase the impact of their own
14 investments and those of their State governments
15 and constituencies, in order to continue and expand
16 their effort to advance agricultural development in
17 cooperating countries, to translate development into
18 economic growth and trade for the United States
19 and cooperating countries, and to prepare future
20 teachers, researchers, extension specialists, entre-
21 preneurs, managers, and decisionmakers for the
22 world economy.”.

23 (b) ADDITIONAL DECLARATIONS OF POLICY.—Sec-
24 tion 296(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22
25 U.S.C. 2220a(b)) is amended to read as follows:

1 “(b) Accordingly, the Congress declares that, in order
2 to prevent famine and establish freedom from hunger, the
3 following components must be brought together in a co-
4 ordinated program to increase world food and fiber pro-
5 duction, agricultural trade, and responsible management
6 of natural resources, including—

7 “(1) continued efforts by the international agri-
8 cultural research centers and other international re-
9 search entities to provide a global network, including
10 United States universities, for international scientific
11 collaboration on crops, livestock, forests, fisheries,
12 farming resources, and food systems of worldwide
13 importance;

14 “(2) contract research and the implementation
15 of collaborative research support programs and other
16 research collaboration led by United States land-
17 grant and other eligible universities, and involving
18 research systems in other countries focused on
19 crops, livestock, forests, fisheries, farming resources,
20 and food systems, with benefits to the United States
21 and partner countries;

22 “(3) transformation of the benefits of global ag-
23 ricultural research and development into increased
24 benefits for United States agriculturally-related in-
25 dustries through establishment of development and

1 trade information and service centers, for rural as
2 well as urban communities, through extension, coop-
3 eratively with, and supportive of, existing public and
4 private trade and development related organizations;

5 “(4) facilitation of universities and their public
6 and private partners’ participation in programs of
7 multilateral banks and agencies which receive United
8 States funds, by means which may include United
9 States designation of the use of these funds or
10 through additional complementary funds restricted
11 to the use of United States universities and their
12 public and private partners;

13 “(5) expanding learning opportunities about
14 global agriculture for students, teachers, community
15 leaders, entrepreneurs, and the general public
16 through international internships and exchanges,
17 graduate assistantships, faculty positions, and other
18 means of education and extension through long-term
19 recurring Federal funds matched by State funds;
20 and

21 “(6) competitive grants through eligible univer-
22 sities to United States agriculturalists and their
23 partners from other countries for research, institu-
24 tion and policy development, extension, training, and
25 other programs for global agricultural development,

1 trade, and responsible management of natural re-
2 sources.”.

3 (c) SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.—Section 296(c) of
4 the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2220a(c))
5 is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “each compo-
7 nent” and inserting “each of the program compo-
8 nents described in paragraphs (1) through (6) of
9 subsection (b)”;

10 (2) in paragraph (2)—

11 (A) by inserting “and their partners” after
12 “for the universities”; and

13 (B) by striking “and” at the end;

14 (3) in paragraph (3)—

15 (A) by inserting “and their partners” after
16 “such universities”;

17 (B) in subparagraph (A), by striking
18 “and” at the end;

19 (C) by striking the matter following sub-
20 paragraph (B); and

21 (D) by adding at the end the following:

22 “(C) multilateral banks and agencies re-
23 ceiving United States funds;

24 “(D) development agencies of other coun-
25 tries; and

1 “(E) United States Government foreign as-
2 sistance and economic cooperation programs;
3 and”; and

4 (4) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(4) generally engage the United States univer-
6 sity community more extensively in the agricultural
7 research, trade, and development initiatives under-
8 taken outside the United States, with the objectives
9 of strengthening its capacity to carry out research,
10 teaching, and extension activities for solving prob-
11 lems in food production, processing, marketing, and
12 consumption in agriculturally underdeveloped na-
13 tions, and transforming progress in global agricul-
14 tural research and development into economic
15 growth, trade, and trade benefits for United States
16 communities and industries and for the provident
17 use of natural resources; and

18 “(5) ensure that all federally funded support to
19 universities and their public and private partners re-
20 lating to the goals of this title is periodically re-
21 viewed for its performance.”.

22 (d) DEFINITION OF UNIVERSITIES.—Section 296(d)
23 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
24 2220a(d)) is amended—

1 (1) by inserting after “sea-grant colleges;” the
2 following: “Native American land-grant colleges as
3 authorized under the Equity in Educational Land-
4 Grant Status Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 301 note);”;
5 and

6 (2) in paragraph (1), by striking “extension”
7 and inserting “extension/outreach”.

8 (e) DEFINITION OF ADMINISTRATOR.—Section
9 296(e) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
10 2220a(e)) is amended by inserting “United States” before
11 “Agency”.

12 (f) DEFINITION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PARTNERS
13 OF UNIVERSITIES.—Section 296 of the Foreign Assist-
14 ance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2220a) is amended by adding
15 at the end the following:

16 “(f) As used in this title, the term ‘public and private
17 partners of universities’ includes entities that have cooper-
18 ative or contractual agreements with universities, which
19 may include university beneficiary groups, other education
20 institutions, United States Government and State agen-
21 cies, private voluntary organizations, nongovernmental or-
22 ganizations, firms operated for profit, nonprofit organiza-
23 tions, multinational banks, and, except when designated
24 otherwise, those incorporated in other countries.”.

1 (g) DEFINITION OF AGRICULTURE.—Section 296 of
2 the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2220a)
3 is amended by adding at the end the following:

4 “(g) As used in this title, the term ‘agriculture’ in-
5 cludes the science and practice of activity related to food,
6 feed, and fiber production, processing, marketing, dis-
7 tribution, utilization, and trade, and also includes family
8 and consumer sciences, nutrition, food science and engi-
9 neering, agricultural economics and other social sciences,
10 forestry, wildlife, fisheries, aquaculture, floraculture, vet-
11 erinary medicine, and other environmental and natural re-
12 sources sciences.”.

13 (h) DEFINITION OF AGRICULTURISTS.—Section 296
14 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2220a)
15 is amended by adding at the end the following:

16 “(h) As used in this title, the term ‘agriculturists’ in-
17 cludes farmers, herders, and livestock producers, individ-
18 uals who fish and others employed in cultivating and har-
19 vesting food resources from salt and fresh waters, individ-
20 uals who cultivate trees and shrubs and harvest nontimber
21 forest products, as well as the processors, managers,
22 teachers, extension specialists, researchers, policymakers,
23 and others who are engaged in the food, feed, and fiber
24 system and its relationships to natural resources.”.

1 **SEC. 3. GENERAL AUTHORITY.**

2 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF ASSISTANCE.—Section
3 297(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
4 2220b(a)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1), to read as follows:

6 “(1) to implement program components
7 through eligible United States universities as author-
8 ized by paragraphs (2) through (5) of this sub-
9 section;”;

10 (2) in paragraph (3), to read as follows:

11 “(3) to provide long-term program support for
12 United States university global agricultural and re-
13 lated environmental collaborative research and learn-
14 ing opportunities for students, teachers, extension
15 specialists, researchers, and the general public;”;
16 and

17 (3) in paragraph (4)—

18 (A) by inserting “United States” before
19 “universities”;

20 (B) by inserting “agricultural” before “re-
21 search centers”; and

22 (C) by striking “and the institutions of ag-
23 riculturally developing nations” and inserting
24 “multilateral banks, the institutions of agri-
25 culturally developing nations, and United States
26 and foreign nongovernmental organizations sup-

1 porting extension and other productivity-en-
2 hancing programs”.

3 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—Section 297(b) of the Foreign
4 Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2220b(b)) is
5 amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1)—

7 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
8 (A), by striking “universities” and inserting
9 “United States universities with their public
10 and private partners”; and

11 (B) in subparagraph (C)—

12 (i) by inserting “, environment,” be-
13 fore “and related”; and

14 (ii) by striking “farmers and farm
15 families” and inserting “agriculturalists”;

16 (2) in paragraph (2), by inserting “, including
17 resources of the private sector,” after “Federal or
18 State resources”; and

19 (3) in paragraph (3), by striking “and the
20 United States Department of Agriculture” and all
21 that follows and inserting “, the Department of Ag-
22 riculture, State agricultural agencies, the Depart-
23 ment of Commerce, the Department of the Interior,
24 the Environmental Protection Agency, the Office of
25 the United States Trade Representative, the Food

1 and Drug Administration, other appropriate Federal
2 agencies, and appropriate nongovernmental and
3 business organizations.”.

4 (c) FURTHER REQUIREMENTS.—Section 297(c) of
5 the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2220b(c))
6 is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (2), to read as follows:

8 “(2) focus primarily on the needs of agricul-
9 tural producers, rural families, processors, traders,
10 consumers, and conservators of natural resources;”;
11 and

12 (2) in paragraph (4), to read as follows:

13 “(4) to be carried out within the developing
14 countries and transition countries comprising newly
15 emerging democracies and newly liberalized econo-
16 mies; and”.

17 (d) SPECIAL PROGRAMS.—Section 297 of the Foreign
18 Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2220b) is amended—

19 (1) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
20 section (e); and

21 (2) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-
22 lowing:

23 “(d) In carrying out programs under this title, the
24 Administrator shall establish and carry out special pro-
25 grams involving eligible universities for Africa, Russia, the

1 independent states of the former Soviet Union (as defined
 2 in section 3 of the Freedom for Russia and Emerging Eur-
 3 asian Democracies and Open Markets Support Act of
 4 1992 (22 U.S.C. 5801), ongoing programs for child sur-
 5 vival, democratization, development of free enterprise, en-
 6 vironmental and natural resource management, and other
 7 related programs, which depend upon and are integrally
 8 related to sound agriculture and rural development.”.

9 **SEC. 4. BOARD FOR INTERNATIONAL FOOD AND AGRICUL-**
 10 **TURAL DEVELOPMENT.**

11 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Section 298(a) of the Foreign
 12 Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2220c(a)) is
 13 amended—

14 (1) in the first sentence—

15 (A) by inserting after “authorized by this
 16 title” the following: “and to provide United
 17 States Government followup to the World Food
 18 Summit of November 1996”; and

19 (B) by striking “the universities” and in-
 20 serting “eligible universities”; and

21 (2) in the third sentence, by inserting at the
 22 end before the period the following: “on a case-by-
 23 case basis”.

1 (b) GENERAL AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY OF THE
2 BOARD.—Section 298(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of
3 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2220c(b)) is amended to read as follows:

4 “(b) The Board’s general areas of responsibility shall
5 include—

6 “(1) participating in the planning, development,
7 and implementation of, initiating recommendations
8 for, and monitoring, the activities described in sec-
9 tion 297 of this title; and

10 “(2) providing advice and assistance to the
11 Inter-Agency Working Group on Food Security
12 (IWG) on carrying out commitments made in the
13 United States Country Paper for the November
14 1996 World Food Summit and on the Plan of Action
15 agreed to at the Summit.”.

16 (c) DUTIES OF THE BOARD.—Section 298(c) of the
17 Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2220c(c)) is
18 amended—

19 (1) in paragraph (2)—

20 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “in-
21 crease food production” and all that follows and
22 inserting the following: “improve agricultural
23 production, trade, and natural resource man-
24 agement in developing countries, and with pri-
25 vate organizations seeking to increase agricul-

1 tural production and trade, natural resources
2 management, and household food security in de-
3 veloping and transition countries;” and

4 (B) in subparagraph (B), by inserting be-
5 fore “sciences” the following: “and environ-
6 mental and related social”;

7 (2) in paragraph (4), after “Administrator and
8 universities” insert “and their partners”;

9 (3) in paragraph (5), after “universities” insert
10 “and their partners”;

11 (4) in paragraph (6), by striking “and” at the
12 end;

13 (5) in paragraph (7), by striking “in the devel-
14 oping nations” and inserting “and natural resource
15 issues in the developing nations, assuring efficiency
16 in use of Federal resources, including in accordance
17 with the Governmental Performance and Results Act
18 of 1993 (Public Law 103–62; 107 Stat. 285), and
19 the amendments made by that Act”; and

20 (6) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(8) providing advice to the United States Gov-
22 ernment on the development of a long-term action
23 plan in support of the commitments made in the
24 United States Country Paper and at the 1996 World
25 Food Summit, including—

1 “(A) participating in the implementation of
2 the action plan through meetings, workshops,
3 and proper involvement; and

4 “(B) serving as an outreach vehicle to all
5 nongovernmental sectors to achieve maximum
6 involvement in action plan development and im-
7 plementation;

8 “(9) developing information exchanges and con-
9 sulting regularly with nongovernmental organiza-
10 tions, consumer groups, producers, agribusinesses
11 and associations, agricultural cooperatives and com-
12 modity groups, State departments of agriculture,
13 State agricultural research and extension agencies,
14 and academic institutions;

15 “(10) investigating and resolving issues con-
16 cerning implementation of this title as requested by
17 universities; and

18 “(11) advising the Administrator on any and all
19 issues as requested.”.

20 (d) SUBORDINATE UNITS.—Section 298(d) of the
21 Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2220c(d)) is
22 amended—

23 (1) in paragraph (1)—

24 (A) by striking “Research” and insert
25 “Policy”;

1 (B) by striking “administration” and in-
 2 serting “design”; and

3 (C) by striking “section 297(a)(3) of this
 4 title” and inserting “section 297”; and
 5 (2) in paragraph (2)—

6 (A) by striking “Joint Committee on
 7 Country Programs” and inserting “Joint Oper-
 8 ations Committee”; and

9 (B) by striking “which shall assist” and all
 10 that follows and inserting “which shall assist in
 11 and advise on the mechanisms and processes
 12 for implementation of activities described in
 13 section 297.”.

14 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION.**

15 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—Section 299(a) of the Foreign
 16 Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2220d(a)) is
 17 amended—

18 (1) by striking “(a)” and inserting “(a)(1)”;

19 (2) by striking “sections 110(b)” and inserting
 20 “sections 110”; and

21 (3) by adding at the end the following:

22 “(2)(A) In addition to amounts made available under
 23 paragraph (1), there are authorized to be appropriated to
 24 carry out this title \$305,000,000 for each of the fiscal
 25 years 2000 through 2006.

1 “(B) Of the amount appropriated pursuant to the au-
2 thorization of appropriations under subparagraph (A) for
3 a fiscal year, \$34,000,000 shall be made available to carry
4 out section 296(b)(2).”.

5 (b) FUNDING RELATING TO UNIVERSITIES.—Section
6 299(d) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
7 2220d(d)) is amended by striking “accept and expend”
8 and inserting “solicit, accept, and expend”.

9 **SEC. 6. ANNUAL REPORT.**

10 Section 300 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961
11 (22 U.S.C. 2220e) is amended by striking “April 1” and
12 inserting “September 1”.

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